

In the claims: The claims are as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method for use by a communication device, comprising:

~~a device~~ obtaining information about one or more currently active cellular network systems to each of which the device has one or more active connections for respective connected applications hosted by the device; and

~~the device~~ deciding whether to allow establishing a new network connection to one of the currently active cellular network systems or to another cellular network system on behalf of an another application hosted by the device based on factors including the information about currently active cellular network systems.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about combinations of different kinds of connections allowed by each currently active cellular network system.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the factors also include information about connections currently in use or wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about connections currently in use.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the information about connections currently in use includes at least the number and type of connections currently in use.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

the application making a request of a ~~network resource controller within the device for permission~~ to establish the network connection and including in the request an identifier

~~corresponding to~~ for the application ~~requesting the network connection;~~

~~and~~ wherein the information about connections currently in use includes identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use, and further wherein the factors also include the identifier for the application and the identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the factors also include the maximum amount of concurrent packet switched data allowed by the connections currently in use.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the active cellular network systems include at least a GSM network, a WCDMA network, or a CDMA2000 network.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A mobile terminal~~ An apparatus for inclusion in a mobile terminal, ~~equipped to establish a cellular network connection on behalf of an application hosted by the mobile terminal,~~ comprising:

a resource manager component, responsive to a signal from ~~the~~ an application hosted by the mobile terminal to establish ~~the a~~ connection to a cellular network system, for providing a request to allow establishing the connection; and

a network resource control module, responsive to the request to allow establishing the connection, and also responsive to information about one or more currently active cellular network systems to each of which the mobile terminal has one or more active connections for respective connected applications hosted by the device, for determining whether to allow establishing the connection based on factors including the information about currently active cellular network systems.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~mobile-terminal~~ apparatus of claim 8, wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about combinations of different kinds of connections allowed by each currently active cellular network system.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~mobile-terminal~~ apparatus of claim 8, wherein the factors also include information about connections currently in use or wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about connections currently in use.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~mobile-terminal~~ of claim 10, wherein the information about connections currently in use includes at least the number and type of connections currently in use.

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~mobile-terminal~~ of claim 10, wherein the resource manager is configured to make the request for permission to establish the ~~network-connection~~, wherein ~~with~~ the request ~~including~~ includes an identifier corresponding to the application requesting the ~~network-connection~~;

and wherein the information about connections currently in use includes identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use, and further wherein the factors also include the identifier for the application and the identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use.

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~mobile-terminal~~ of claim 8, wherein the factors also include the maximum amount of concurrent packet switched data allowed by the connections currently in use.

14. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~mobile-terminal~~ of claim 8, wherein the active cellular network systems include at least a GSM

network, a WCDMA network, or a CDMA2000 network.

15. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~mobile terminal~~ of claim 8, further comprising a cellular network information server, responsive to a request to provide the information about currently active cellular network systems, for providing such information.

16. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a telecommunication terminal, wherein said computer program code includes instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

17. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a telecommunication terminal, wherein said computer program code includes instructions for performing the method of claim 5.

18. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a telecommunication terminal, wherein said computer program code includes instructions for performing the method of claim 7.

19. (Currently amended) A system, comprising an operator network having at least one cellular system, and also comprising a mobile terminal including an apparatus as in claim 8.

20. (Currently amended) A system, comprising an operator network having at least one cellular system, and also comprising a mobile terminal including an apparatus as in claim 12.

21. (Currently amended) A An apparatus for inclusion in a mobile

~~terminal, equipped to establish a network connection on behalf of an application hosted by the mobile terminal, comprising:~~

means, responsive to a signal from ~~the~~ an application hosted by the mobile terminal to establish ~~the~~ a connection to a cellular network system, for providing a request to allow establishing the connection; and

means, responsive to the request to allow establishing the connection, and also responsive to information about one or more currently active cellular network systems to each of which the mobile terminal has one or more active connections for respective connected applications hosted by the device, for determining whether to allow establishing the connection based on factors including the information about currently active cellular network systems.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~mobile terminal apparatus~~ of claim 21, wherein the factors also include information about connections currently in use or wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about connections currently in use, and wherein the means for providing the request to establish the connection comprises:

means for making the request for permission to establish the ~~network connection~~, wherein with the request including includes an identifier corresponding to the application requesting the ~~network connection~~;

and wherein the information about connections currently in use includes identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use, and further wherein the factors also include the identifier for the application and the identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use.

23. (New) A mobile terminal, comprising:

an apparatus as in claim 8; and

means for wirelessly communicating with the one or more currently active cellular communication systems.